

THE OBERLIN HERALD — People in Our Community

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Ethel Railsback accompanied her daughter, Marian Railsback of Fort Collins, Colo., to Wichita last Monday to visit Mike and Mary Dicke and Emily. On Monday evening, they attended the musical, "My Fair Lady," in which Mrs. Railsback's granddaughter, Emily Dicke, had the lead part of Eliza Doolittle. She is a junior at Sunrise Christian Academy. Also attending was Emily's other grandmother, Laurine Dicke of Wichita. The women returned to Oberlin on Tuesday.

Linda Marintzer of Denver, and Debbie Scheusler of Phoenix, spent last week with their mother, Marie Zimmerman. On Saturday, the two women were met by their other sister, Karen Buxton of Brighton, Colo., at the Denver airport, then were overnight guests at her home.

Gene and Laurene Van Otterloo have returned from Kearney, Neb., where he underwent a heart catheterization.

—Santa Bucks expire March 31, 2005.

Dorothy Burrus, 99, a former Oberlin resident, died March 9 at Cheyenne County Hospital in St. Francis. She was a native of Danbury. Survivors include a son, Van Burrus, St. Francis; a sister, Florence Moyer, St. Francis; four grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and eight great-great-grandchildren. Her husband, Thomas, preceded her in death in 1971. A daughter, L. Elaine Davis, died in 2004. Funeral services were held Friday morning at the United Methodist Church in St. Francis with burial at the Danbury/Marion Cemetery.

John and Shirley Dornberger of Salina were Thursday afternoon visitors of Vivian Bishop.

April Ann Wolters of Hays enjoyed celebrating her birthday early with dinner and birthday cake with her grandparents, Gus and Elsie Wolters.

Darrell and Kay Jones returned home Friday night from Phoenix,

Ariz., where they visited a week with their son, Curt Jones.

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Dennis Euhus, Pastor Rick and Kim Langness and family, Wilma May, Evelyn May, Connie Olson, Peggy Groneweg, Janice Cundiff, Karen Waterman, and Dorothy Moore attended a Lutheran Women's Missionary League/Lutheran Laymen's League meeting at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Atwood on Sunday. Mission speakers were Pastor Dennis and Chris Mason of Ulysses, who have been missionaries to Liberia.

Vernon Barber, 83, of Hays died on Friday at Via Christi Regional Medical Center in Wichita. He was a brother of the late Vergil and Joe Barber, former Oberlin residents.

Shirley Shields will be giving a free lecture at The Gateway this Thursday noon on vines. It is to fulfill part of the requirements for the Master Gardening program from K-State and the public is invited.

Winning highs in pinochle at Golden Age Center the past week were Dorothy Moore, Dewaine Stapp, Henry Edgett, Floyd Edgett and Max Carman. Lows went to Aleen Van Vleet, Vivian Bishop, Doris Miller, Doris Gilbert and Floyd Edgett. Pitch highs were won by Henry Edgett and Aleen Van Vleet with lows going to Floyd Edgett and Wilma May. Bridge winners were Beth Sebaugh and Charlotte Meints.

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Oberlin Royal Neighbors who enjoyed a meeting in Cambridge, Neb., last Monday were Edna Mott, Nadean Stoney, Phyllis Screen and Millie Lippelmann. The meeting was hosted by the Wilsonville Camp.

Gus and Elsie Wolters visited Dorothy Wolters and Lucille Frick at the Good Samaritan Center in Atwood on Friday.

Rotarian helps students who serve community

The Rev. Mark Frickey, pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church in Elizaville, N.Y., and a third generation Rotarian, has been helping members of the club work to develop the "Service Above Self" award for area school students.



M. Frickey

"We've been working with the Red Hook School District over the past year to develop the award," said Mr. Frickey, vice president of the Red Hook Rotary Club. "The award is designed to recognize students who do things that are above and beyond what is expected in the classroom."

The award was created by the club to recognize public service efforts of classes and students in the district.

Denise Steerman's second-grade class was honored in January with the first award for their service to the local and global community. The class of about 25 students sponsored a mitten tree for Head Start and the Grace Smith House, raised money for UNICEF and adopted a family at the Battered Woman's Service in Poughkeepsie.

David Akst, one of the students, said he was excited when the class got the award.

"It felt really good, because we were helping lots of people and they were telling us we did good," he said. "No one else had told us, but we already knew."

Alicyn Cook-Siafo, another student, agreed. She was especially happy to help the victims of the tsunami in southeast Asia.

"I felt proud of myself and I felt good," she said. "I have all these things, and all their things just got washed into the ocean, and I thought about how I would feel. I'd feel upset and I'd be worried."

Ms. Steerman said she tries to make community service part of her curriculum. Students have orga-

nized bake sales and taken collections to help pay for their projects.

Mr. Frickey, a graduate of Decatur Community High School, said the Rotary Club wants to give the award several times throughout the school year, depending on the number of nominations that come in.

Mr. Frickey's father, Chuck Frickey, is a member of the Oberlin Rotary Club, and his father, the late Carl Frickey, also was a member. In high school, Mark was a Rotary Exchange student to Denmark.

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